furnishing a bond as well as an assurance to return to India. These NOCs are normally issued for studies in the United States of America where submission of such a certificate is mendatory.

Allotment of Government Accommodation to Doctors of Dr. R.M.L. Hospital

4056. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) number of doctors working in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital who have been allotted Government quarters and who have not been allotted;

(b) categories of Doctors entitled for allotment of such Quarters;

(c) whether there are Doctors having worked in this Hospital for more than 10-15 years without Government quarters; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when they will be allotted quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) 37 doctors have been allotted Hospital/General Pool accommodation and 84 doctors have not yet been allotted Government accommodation in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

(b) All doctors except Senior Residents and Junior Residents are entitle for Government accommodation.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Due to shortage of accommodation in hospital, all the doctors could not be allotted Government accommodation. They will be allotted Government accommodation as and when the accommodation become available in the Hospital pool.

Opening of CGHS Homoeopatic Units at Different Places

4057. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal to open Homoeopathic Units at Laxmi Nagar, Nangal Raya, Naraina, Netaji Nagar, Sriniwaspuri, Ghaziabad and Faridabad in Delhi CGHS;

(b) if so, the reasons for not considering to open CGHS Homoepathic units even after the availability of suitable accommodation and funds;

(c) whether it is a fact that adequate steps have not been taken in the past as well as in the present to open more CGHS Homoeopathic units in Delhi for the last ten years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) some proposals for opening more Homoeopathic units under CGHS Delhi have been included under the Ninth Five Year plan which is as yet under consideration. Such proposals could not be considered earlier due to resources constraints.

Indians Proneness to Heart Attack

4058. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indians are more prone to heart attack as per studies made recently;

(b) whether Government propose to issue general guidelines through various media regarding the precautions to be undertaken by people in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No specific studies have been carried

out in India to this effect.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, the question of issuing guidelines does not arise, but the Directorate General of health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated a Pilot Project on Control of Cardiovascular Diseases during 1995-96 under which it is proposed to educate the people regarding the prevention and control of heart diseases.

Government Proposal to Advice State Government for employees' Health Care

4059. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government must pay for staff health care" appearing in "Times of India" dated 11th January, 1997; and

(b) if so, the steps Central Governement propose to take for advising the State Governement to provide for health care to its employees including the retired personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As health is a State subject, it is the duty of the State Government to provide health care facilities to their employees, including the retired personnel.

Deaths Due to Tobacco Consumption

4060. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the apoproximate number of deaths due to tobacco consumption in the counrty annually; and

(b) the measures proposed to discourage people chewing and consuming betels, pan masala, cigarette, bidi etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) It is estimated that about 8 lakh people die per year due to tobacco related disease in the country.

(b) Following measures have been taken to discourage consumption of betels, pan masala, cigarettes, bidi etc.

1. As per the Cigarettes (Regulation of production, supply and Distribution) Act, 1975, it is mandatory to display health warning on all cartons/packets of cigarettes.

2. Direct advertisement relating to tobacco or tobacco related products are prohibited on Doordarshan.

3. Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, it is mandatory to display—

(i) Statutory warning of "chewing of tobacco is injurious to health" on the package of chewing tobacco;

(ii) Statutory warning on the advertisement and label of pan masala stating "chewing of pan masala may be injurious to health";

(iii) Statutory warning on every package of supari and advertisement relating thereto in bold print stating "Chewing of supari is injurious to health";

Under the Pilot Project on comprehensive Oral Health Care emphasis is given to discourage consumption of Tobacco through community awareness.

5. State/Union Territory Governments have been advised from time to time, to discourage the sale of pan masala and similar products at Super Bazar, Kendriya Bahandar, shops in Government buildings and all Health and Educational Institutions as also to give due publicity about harmful effects of consumption of pan masala and chewing tobacco.